

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on February 3, 2009 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 315, 1/28/2009; HB 327,
1/28/2009; HB341, 1/28/2009

Executive Action: HB 327

HEARING ON HB 327

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on
HB 327, Revise exemption of certain interest income for
elderly taxpayers.

00:02:38 Rep. Stahl asked the committee to table HB 327.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 327

00:03:01 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 327 BE TABLED**.

00:03:17 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 327 BE TABLED** carried
unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:35 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on
HB 315, Increase amount and slow phase out of retiree
exclusion from income.

EXHIBIT (tah25a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:05 Rep. Taylor

00:08:26 Russell Wrigg, Montana Association of Retired Public
Employees

00:12:03 Marg Crennen, Volunteer Advocate, Montana AARP

EXHIBIT (tah25a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

Chairman Lake read a letter from the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning into the record.

[EXHIBIT\(tah25a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:28 Rep. Cohenour
00:13:44 Rep. Blewett
00:14:04 Rep. Barrett
00:14:34 Rep. Blewett
00:14:40 Rep. Hoven
00:14:55 Rep. Blewett
00:15:40 Rep. Miller
00:16:01 Rep. Blewett
00:17:04 Chairman Lake
00:17:14 Rep. Blewett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:46 Rep. Blewett

HEARING ON HB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:15 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 341, Partial property tax exemption for residence of senior owners.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:18 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors
[EXHIBIT\(tah25a04\)](#)

Chairman Lake read a letter from the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning into the record.

[EXHIBIT\(tah25a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:29:00 Debbie Jurcich, Department of Revenue

00:29:21 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Association of County Treasurers

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:47 Rep. Taylor

00:30:09 Rep. Nooney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:29 Rep. Nooney

00:31:20 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

00:32:31 Adjournment: 8:35 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah25aad.pdf](#))